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Re: Update: State Relaxations of Licensure Requirements in Response to COVID-19
Pandemic

Dear Randy:

You contacted us for regulatory counsel regarding an arrangement with Aetna to fund Give an Hour's ("GAH") delivery of their usual free mental health services – but via telehealth – to frontline healthcare workers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. In our April 29, 2020 letter, we advised that state licensure laws, as relaxed and waived in response to COVID-19, will not significantly hinder the ability of GAH to proceed with this arrangement by the launch date. Below we provide an update of the duration of these relaxations and waivers in each state.

New York

In Executive Order No. 202.39, issued June 7, 2020, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo extended the waivers of licensure laws through July 7, 2020. We note that psychologists still have not been included in these licensure laws waivers, and thus psychologists are required to follow the application process detailed in the April 29, 2020 letter.

New Jersey

As mentioned in our April 29, 2020 letter, New Jersey's waivers will apply during the COVID-19 public health emergency. On June 4, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order No. 151, which extended that public health emergency to July 4, 2020, as well as all Executive Orders issued under the Governor's authority and all actions taken by any Executive Branch departments and agencies in response to the public health emergency.



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Connecticut

In a May 15, 2020 Department of Public Health Order, the Commissioner of Public Health extended the temporary suspension of licensure requirements to July 22, 2020.

If you have any subsequent questions about this analysis or state licensure laws, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Attachments
New York Executive Order No. 202.39
New Jersey Executive Order No. 151
Connecticut May 15, 2020 Order